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Thames Bank,  
St. Marlow,  
Bucks.  
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Sir,

I heard from Mr. Fossein (R. Archaeological Inst<sup>n</sup>), this morning, that you had been making enquiries concerning my collection of Scandinavian objects lately exhibited there, especially the Tapestry.

I am sorry to say the whole collection is for sale, as my Father means to dispose of this house, & I am not likely to have space etc. for it wherever I settle.

The British Museum have bought  
all the prehistoric Norwegian  
things & a few medieval - viz  
(in the catalogue) Nos. 3 to 69  
inclusive; <sup>also Icelandic bone-skates, No 134</sup> the S. Kensington have  
bought 3 Tapedly sleep-cushions  
Nos. 202, 205, 206; & have not  
yet made up their mind whether  
they will take the Lapland hand-  
weaving apparatus, No. 152.

Balfour, for your Oxford collection  
has bought the Danish Kitchen Midden  
things, Nos. 1 & 2. Iron spade-tip, 135.  
Root-rope, 137. Seven Lapland bone  
spoons, 154-160. Lapland needle case 165.  
Lapland modern Snaphaunce rifle 173.  
Iceland stone hammer 188.

I do not myself know the market

value of the things, & have been  
puzzled to put a price on the  
things already sold.

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Faithfully yours

Alfred Heneage Locks-

Balfour would have bought several  
other things, but says the funds at his  
disposal are exhausted.

Gen. Pitt-Rivers FRS. &c.